GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Explosion occurred in the Quarry Lease area held by Sri C.Nageswar Reddy, GPA holder of original lessee Smt.C.Kasturi Bai for Barytes over an extent of 30.696 Ha in Sy.Nos.1 & 133 of Mamillapalli (V), Kalasapadu (M), YSR District caused death of ten (10) persons – Immediate relief measure in the form of exgratia to the next kin & kith of deceased and constitution of an enquiry Committee - Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 69 Dated: 09-05-2021.
Read:

From the Collector & District Magistrate, YSR District, Lr.No.D5/853/2020, dt.08.05.2021 along with enclosures.

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ORDER:

In his letter read above, the Collector & District Magistrate, YSR District has furnished a Preliminary Report with regarding an explosion which occurred in the Quarry Lease area held by Sri Chilekampallli Nageswar Reddy, S/o Seshireddy, R/o Chenchaiahgaripalli(V), B.Mattam(M), YSR District who is GPA holder for the last 10 years of its original mine owner Smt.C.Kasturibai, for Barytes over an extent of 30.696 Ha in Sy.Nos.1 & 133 of Mamillapalli(V), Kalasapadu(M), YSR District granted for a period of 20 years vide G.O.Ms.No.224, Ind & Com (M.II) Dept, dt.11.04.2001 and the lease executed on 24.11.2001 is in force up to 01.11.2021. It was informed that a heavy blast occurred at Konda Gangammathalli Mines of the subject area at 9.10 AM on 08.05.2021 while unloading the blasting material i.e. Gelatin sticks transported from Vemula causing the death of ten (10) persons and injuring a few in the Q.L. area.

2. The preliminary report is based on the combined Inspection Notes, dt.08.05.2021 of ADM&G(RVS), Kadapa, ADM&G, Kadapa and DDM&G, Kadapa which revealed that no permission was obtained for possession of explosives (detonators) by the GPA holder Sri C.Nageswar Reddy and the incident occurred due to negligence of Q.L. holder. A case was registered vide Cr.No.28/2021 U/s 304 (ii) IPC, Sec 3, 5 & 6 of Explosives Substances Act in Kalasapadu PS against the accused and investigation took up by SDPO, Mydukur. Earlier on conducting surprise raids of Q.L. by the M&G officials on 16.10.2019, 18.10.2019 & 25.08.2020 many lapses were found committed by the lease holder for which a SCN was issued to Q.L. holder by the DDM&G who replied on dt.30.12.2020 that he is responsible for conducting mining operation and also responsible for anything if happened in the Mine in future but has not rectified the lapses.

3. The District Collector, YSR District while enclosing the relevant reports of Superintendent of Police & ADM&G, Kadapa and Tahsildars, Kalasapadu, Porumamilla, Badvel, Vemula & Proddatur has therefore requested and recommended to Government to sanction exgratia of Rs.10 Lakhs to next kin & kith of each deceased apart from other compensations to which they are entitled as per law/Government Schemes.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby grant exgratia of Rs.10 Lakhs to next kin & kith of each of the deceased and Rs.5.00 Lakhs to the injured in this accident as per the list furnished by District Collector, YSR District as an immediate relief and the expenditure shall be incurred from the DMF funds available in the District. The District Collector, YSR District shall take immediate action to disburse the amount and report compliance. This immediate relief will be in addition to the compensation received by affected persons under any other provision, such as, Compensation Act 1923, etc.

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5. Government further, hereby, constitute an enquiry Committee under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector(Revenue), YSR District along with one Member from each Department i.e., from 1) Mines & Geology Dept., 2) Revenue Dept., 3) Police Dept., 4) Dept of Mines safety and 5) Explosive Dept. for conduct of detailed enquiry in the matter. The Director of Mines & Geology and District Collector, YSR District shall ensure that the members of the enquiry committee are nominated and made available to Joint Collector (Revenue), YSR District, immediately. The scope of enquiry shall cover all aspects of the accident along with suggested measures to prevent such accidents in future and *inter alia* include, reasons for the accident, persons/agencies responsible for the accident, persons/agencies responsible for the irregularities/lapses, penal actions proposed against them, issue of compensation to the victims of the accident, suggestions/measures to prevent such accidents in future. The Enquiry Committee shall submit its report to Government in the matter within 5 days.

6. The Director of Mines & Geology and the District Collector, YSR District shall take necessary further action in the matter immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Collector & District Magistrate, YSR District.
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The Dy.Chief Controller of Explosives, D. No. 7-20-13, Kirlampudi Layout, Visakhapatnam – 530017.
The Superintendent of Police, YSR District.
The Joint Collector (Revenue), YSR District.
The Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Kadapa.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (PR&RD and M&G) for information.
The P.S. to Prl.Secy to Govt, Ind & Com (Mines) Dept, A.P. Secretariat.
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SECTION OFFICER